

Balancing Power	<u>A</u>	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	MEAN	Average
Legislature effectively shares power with the governor.	2	5	1		3	3	3	3	1	3	2	2.50	2.57
Legislature initiates and enacts its own legislation.	5	8	3		10	7	5	5	1	9	2	5.13	5.57
Legislature makes independent decisions about Governor's legislative package.	2	7	1		5	3	3	5	5	5	2	3.75	4.00
Legislature makes independent decisions about the state budget.	1	4	1		8	1	5	3	1	5	2	2.75	3.57
Legislature wisely utilizes the interim to study facts and create a legislative package	4	7	4		4	1	3	3	3	3	2	3.25	2.71
Legislature adequately utilizes tools to effectively oversee the administration of laws by the Executive	2	6	3		8	1	3	3	2		2	2.63	3.17
<u>Representing Constituents</u>													
Legislative districts are nearly equal in population.	9	10	10		10	9	3	9	8	9	10	9.25	8.29
The numbers of women, African Americans and Hispanics are reasonably reflective of the population of the state.	7	8	9		8	1	5	9	5	3	10	6.75	5.86
The members of the legislature provide effective constituent service including responses to requests for information, casework, local projects and public expenditures.	8	8	8		10	7	7	9	5		10	7.13	8.00
Citizens and groups in the state have ready access to information on agendas and proceedings of the Legislature.	9	10	10		7	9	7	10	10	5	10	9.00	8.29
The legislature provides effective civic education for the public (of all age levels) about representative democracy, the legislative institution and the lawmaking process.	8	10	7		5	9	5	10	9	3	8	7.63	7.00
The legislature is responsive to public demands and needs.	9	8	7		10	9	7	10	5		9	7.38	8.33

<u>Making Law</u>													
The legislature allows effective participation and input from citizens and organized groups in lawmaking decisions.	9	10	7		9	7	7	10	7	5	9	8.13	7.71
There is a reasonable level of internal democracy within the chamber. Power is relatively dispersed and the parliamentary rights of individual members are protected and respected.	8	9	7		10	7	3	10	8		5	6.75	7.17
Legislative leaders are effective and have strategic, problem-solving and consensus-building abilities.	8	8	6		8	3	5	5	5	3	6	5.75	5.00
The degree of partisanship in the legislature is reasonable.	8	8	8		4	3	7	7	3	3	5	5.63	4.57
The majority party has enough clout to get things done.	6	8	9		1	3	5	6	0	5	5	4.75	3.57
The rights of the minority party are protected.	7	9	10		2	5	5	7	5	7	5	6.25	5.14
There are reasonable restraints on partisanship so that civility is maintained.	9	9	7		9	5	7	7	3	5	5	6.75	5.86
The legislature is deliberative. It does allow for give and take and the open exchange of ideas at all stages of the formal and informal legislative process.	7	10	6		9	7	7	8	1	5	5	6.75	6.00
The legislature does engage in consensus building. Opposing sides are willing to negotiate differences and find compromises to difficult problems.	8	7	8		4	5	7	8	3	3	5	5.88	5.00
The legislature does address and solve the most important problems in the state.	7	7	6		8	5	7	5	5	3	5	5.88	5.43
<u>Facilitating Factors</u>													
The legislature has the resources (staff, time, facilities, technology) to do its job effectively.	9	10	9		10	9	9	9	1	5	8	8.50	7.29

The legislature has integrity. The members of the legislature and the Capitol community in general, behave in ethical ways.	8	9	7		9	5	7	10	8	5	8	7.63	7.43
The members of the legislature care about and protect the well-being of the institution.	7	8	8		7	7	9	8	8	7	6	7.38	7.43
There is a sense of community within the legislature. There is civility and collegiality.	8	8	6		10	7	9	9	8	5	6	7.63	7.71
There is adequate continuity in the membership of the legislature to promote institutional values and pass on knowledge and skills.	6	8	8		10	5	9	9	5	5	5	6.88	6.86